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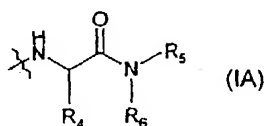
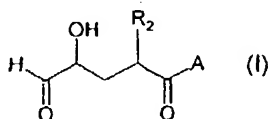
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(57) Abstract: Selected compounds of formula (I) are antibacterial agents: formula (I) wherein  $\text{R}_2$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl, cycloalkyl ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl)- or aryl ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl)- group, and A represents a group of formula (IA), or (IB) wherein  $\text{R}_4$  represents the side chain of a natural or non-natural alpha amino acid, and  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  are each independently hydrogen or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl, heterocyclic or aryl ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl)-,  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached from an optionally substituted saturated heterocyclic ring of 3 to 8 atoms which ring is optionally fused to a carbocyclic or second heterocyclic ring.

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